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MARTINSBURG, WEST VIRGINIA — A 41 year old Akron, Ohio, resident was named in an Indictment returned on September 19, 2006, by a Federal Grand Jury sitting in Martinsburg, West Virginia.

Acting United States Attorney Rita R. Valdrini announced that **BERNARD MORRIS** was named in a one-count Indictment. The Indictment alleges that **MORRIS** traveled in interstate commerce from Virginia to West Virginia on August 12, 2006, for the purpose of engage in illicit sexual conduct with a person whom he believed to be a 14-year old girl. If convicted, **MORRIS** faces a maximum exposure of 30 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David J. Perri. The case was investigated by the Hampshire County Sheriff's Department and the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

It should be noted that the charges contained in the Indictment are merely accusations and not evidence of guilt, and that each defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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